

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-58, 62, 66, 68-70, 76, 83-87, 107, 108, 112, 113, 115 and 117 are cancelled. The rejection of Claims 62, 70 and 76 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is therefore moot. Claims 88-105 and 118-251 are withdrawn from consideration.

All of the remaining claims have been amended to recite that the container is thick bottomed and has octagonal inner and outer sections. Basis for this is found in Figs. 13-15.

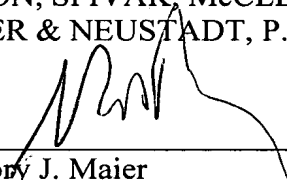
Since a basket for supporting a fuel bar aggregate is housed in the bottomed container of the cask as a radioactive substance container, it is preferable that the internal shape of the bottomed container is formed into a shape which matches with the basket particularly in a cask. Therefore, the internal shape of the cask is desirably octagonal instead of circular. Moreover, in the case where the internal shape of the cask is octagonal, since it is advantageous to a dimension and a weight that the thickness of the cask body is uniform as much as possible, it is desirable that the external shape of the cask body is also octagonal. This bottomed container can cope with such requirements (paragraph bridging pp. 97-98).

All of the claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 or 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being anticipated by or obvious over Anspach et al., or as being obvious over Anspach in view of Kirchner et al. However, since neither of these references discloses an octagonal container, the amended claims are believed to define over the prior art.

Applicant therefore believes that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicits an early Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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